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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL, MARR, PFOR, SV, NO

SUBJECT: LORAN-C REPORT

REF: OSLO 3630

1. LETTER REFERRED TO BY DAGBLADET WAS, IN FACT, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST. REFUSAL OF DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED, MOST OF WHICH IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET, WAS COMMUNICATED TO RAYMOND DUVALL OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT IN LETTER DATED JULY 20, 1977 AND SIGNED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE (TEXT OF LETTER AT PARA 3 FOR YOUR INFO ONLY).

2. WE SEE NO REASON TO RESPOND VOLUNTARILY TO THIS TYPE OF REPORT.  
SHOULD EMBASSY BE FORCED TO MAKE COMMENT, HOWEVER, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:  
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-- AS ALLIES IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, US AND NORWAY ROUTINELY DISCUSS DEFENSE MATTERS.

-- WHEN SUCH DEFENSE QUESTIONS ARE SENSITIVE FOR ANY NUMBER

OF OBVIOUS REASONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY SHOULD

PROPERLY BE MADE PUBLIC. GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY SHARES  
US VIEW.

-- IN THIS INSTANCE, THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED TOUCHED  
ON MATTERS OTHER THAN THE PRESENT LORAN C NAVIGATIONAL  
AID SYSTEM WHICH, OF COURSE, IS NEITHER SENSITIVE NOR  
SECRET.

3.BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. DUVAL: I REFER TO YOUR LETTER  
OF JUNE 13, 1977, REGARDING YOUR REQUEST, UNDER THE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, FOR A COPY OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE  
ON THE SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHING A LORAN-C LONG DISTANCE  
NAVIGATION STATION IN NORWAY, DELIVERED TO THE NORWEGIAN  
FOREIGN SECRETARY HALVARD LANGE, IN OSLO, ON MAY 19, 1958.  
YOU ALSO REQUEST COPIES OF LATER AIDE MEMOIRES, AND OTHER  
DOCUMENTATION ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE REVIEWED 22 DOCUMENTS WHICH  
WERE REFERRED TO THIS BUREAU AND WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT  
THEY MUST ALL BE WITHHELD. DOCUMENTS NOS. 1-5, 9,11,14,  
15,17 AND 21 ARE EXEMPT FROM DECLASSIFICATION UNDER  
SECTION 5 (B) (1) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652, AS  
CONTAINING PROPERLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FURNISHED BY  
A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND HELD BY THE UNITED STATES  
ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE;  
AND ALSO UNDER SECTION 5 (B) (3) OF THE EXECUTIVE  
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ORDER AS CONTAINING PROPERLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
DISCLOSING A SYSTEM, PLAN, INSTALLATION, PROJECT OR  
SPECIFIC FOREIGN RELATIONS MATTER, THE CONTINUING  
PROTECTION OF WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY.

DOCUMENTS NOS. 6,7,8,10,12,13,16,18,19,20 AND 22 ARE  
EXEMPT FROM DECLASSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 5(B) (3)  
OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER (AS EXPLAINED IN THE PRECEDING  
PARAGRAPH). THE MATERIAL WITHHELD IS, THEREFORE, EXEMPT  
FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION (B) (1) OF THE FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC 552).

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMA-  
TION ACT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THIS DETERMINATION  
TO THE COUNCIL ON CLASSIFI CATION POLICY UNDER THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S REGULATION ON APPEALS, A COPY  
OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED. END TEXT. VANCE

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